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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the specification: none.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 GROUP ART UNIT 2127; EXAMINER M. Banankhah PATENT

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of the present response.

Amendments to the drawings: none.

Applicants' remarks and arguments traversing the rejection by the Examiner are found on page 5 of the present submission.